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EXDIS, FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON

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SUBJECT: TIMING OF DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CLOSURE OF
KENITRA COMPLEX WITH KING HASSAN

REF: RABAT 6900

1. ALTHOUGH DOD REMAINS ANXIOUS TO MOVE ON KENITRA PHASE-
DOWN AND RELATED ISSUES, I AGREE THAT FORMAL DEMARCHE TO
KING HASSAN IN REMAINING DAYS OF CURRENT ADMINISTRA-
TION HAS HIGH POTENTIAL FOR MISUNDERSTANDING. WE WILL
NEED TO REVIEW AND REFINE PROPOSALS FOR EARLY ACTION IN
NEW ADMINISTRATION. IN OUR VIEW, WE WILL WANT TO EXAMINE
FURTHER ALL POSSIBILITIES FOR PUTTING EXISTING FACILITIES
TO NEW USES, SO AS TO LESSEN IMPACT OF CHANGES.

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2. WE SHALL ALSO, OF COURSE, TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION YOUR
SUGGESTION THAT THE INVITATION TO KING HASSAN TO VISIT
THE U.S. BE RENEWED AND THAT THE PHASEDOWN OF KENITRA
AND OUR MILITARY DESIDERATA BE DISCUSSED WITH THE KING
DURING SUCH A VISIT. AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, HOWEVER, WE ARE
RECEIVING FEELERS FROM QUITE A NUMBER OF FOREIGN LEADERS,
SOME, LIKE HASSAN, REACTIVATING EARLIER INVITATIONS, ALL

EAGER TO MEET WITH THE NEW PRESIDENT AND HIS TEAM. THE
COMPETITION IS HEAVY, THEREFORE, AND THERE IS NO GUARANTEE

THAT A VISIT BY HASSAN CAN BE SCHEDULED AT ANY EARLY
ENOUGH DATE TO AVOID UNDUE DELAY IN DOD'S UNDERSTANDABLY
PRESSING TIMETABLE FOR KENITRA TALKS.

3. I ASSURE YOU I AM TAKING A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS
AND WILL DO ALL I CAN TO SEE THAT IT RECEIVES PRIORITY
ATTENTION UNDER THE NEW ADMINISTRATION SO THAT WE CAN
CHART OUR NEXT MOVES IN FULL COORDINATION WITH DOD.
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